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ENERGY ECONOMY OF THE ECE REGION IN THE MEDIUM AND LONG
TERM AND ON PROBLEMS OF ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY,
GENEVA, 20 TO 24 FEBRUARY, 1978

1. SUMMARY: ECE AD HOC GROUP ON ENERGY MET IN GENEVA
FEB. 20-24 TO REVIEW STATUS OF ECE WORK ON ENERGY CON-
SERVATION AND DRAFT REPORT AND WORK PROGRAM ON NEW ENERGY
ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT 33RD SESSION OF COMMISSION
(APRIL 11 TO 21). MOST DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION
WITH SCOPE AND GENERAL SUBSTANCE OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED
FUTURE ECE ENERGY ACTIVITIES, BUT RESERVED SPECIFIC
POSITIONS UNTIL 33RD SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. AD HOC MEETING ON NEW ISSUES AFFECTING THE ENERGY
ECONOMY OF THE ECE REGION IN THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM
AND ON PROBLEMS OF ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY ELECTED
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POLISH CHAIRMAN (B. BARTOSZEK, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND ATOMIC ENERGY) AND US VICE CHAIRMAN
(J. TREAT, DOE/IA). IN OPENING SPEECH ECE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY STANOVNIK STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY TO
LONG TERM ECONOMIC PROSPECTS OF THE ECE REGION AND TO
FUTURE WORK OF THE ECE. STANOVNIK SUGGESTED CREATION OF
PERMANENT ECE SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENERGY AND A SUBSIDIARY

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON CONSERVATION TO REPLACE EXISTING AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS. (TEXT BEING POUCHED). STANOVNIK ADDED THAT HE PLANS TO PROPOSE, CREATION OF THESE BODIES AT NEXT COMMISSION SESSION.

3. GROUP THEN REVIEWED NATIONAL SUBMISSIONS AND ORAL REPORTS ON STATUS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY CONSERVATION POLICIES AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES COMPLETED OR PROPOSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

IN THE ECE FRAMEWORK, INCLUDING THE RECENT SEMINARS ON THE IMPACT OF ENERGY CONSIDERATIONS ON THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (OTTAWA, OCT. 1977), AS WELL AS PROPOSED SEMINARS ON COMBINED PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC POWER AND HEAT, IMPROVED RECOVERY TECHNIQUES (HAMBURG, OCT. 1978), ON EFFICIENCY OF ENERGY USE IN FORESTRY AND THE WOODWORKING INDUSTRIES (ITALY, NOVEMBER, 1978), ON THE GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION OF COAL (POLAND, APRIL, 1979), ON THE USE OF ECONOMETRIC, INPUT-OUTPUT AND COST BENEFIT MODELS IN ASSESSING THE POTENTIAL FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION AND FOR OPTIMIZING CONSERVATION PROGRAMS (AUTUMN, 1979), ON IMPROVED TECHNIQUES FOR THE EXTRACTION AND PROCESSING OF PRIMARY FORMS OF ENERGY (PREPARATORY MEETING, MAY, 1979), AND ON RATIONAL UTILIZATION OF SECONDARY FORMS OF ENERGY GENERATED BY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES (PREPARATORY MEETING, MAY, 1979). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. SECRETARIAT REPORTED ON PROGRESS MADE IN ESTABLISHING COMPUTER DATA BANK AND WAS AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE EXPANSION OF SUCH FILES. IN THIS REGARD, SECRETARIAT WAS AUTHORIZED TO CONVENE AN INFORMAL MEETING OF DATA MANAGERS FROM SELECTED NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (DECEMBER, 1978) TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL DETAILS OF EXPANDED EXCHANGES OF MACHINE READABLE DATA.

5. MEETING THEN REVIEWED DRAFT "NEW ISSUES" STUDY PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO 33RD SESSION OF ECE. MOST DELEGATIONS RESERVED DETAILED COMMENTS UNTIL AFTER THOROUGH REVIEW IN CAPITALS (STUDY WAS ONLY AVAILABLE ENGLISH LAST WEEK AND NOT YET TRANSLATED INTO FRENCH OR RUSSIAN). HOWEVER, MOST DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS IN DRAFT REPORT. SECRETARIAT REQUESTED COMMENTS BY MARCH 20 TO FACILITATE TRANSLATION AND DISTRIBUTION IN TIME FOR 33RD SESSION. DELEGATIONS WERE ALSO URGED TO COMPLETE NEW ISSUES QUESTIONNAIRES IF THEY HAD NOT ALREADY.

6. AS ANTICIPATED, SOVIET AND POLISH DELEGATIONS RAISED

ISSUE OF ALL-EUROPEAN ENERGY CONFERENCE, BUT ONLY IN A LOW KEY. WEST REPLIED WITH MILD STATEMENT, ASSERTING THE ISSUE HAD FOR THE MOMENT BEEN DECIDED BY COMMISSION RESOLUTION 1(XXXII).

7. AS IN CASE OF "NEW ISSUES" REPORT, DELEGATIONS ALSO RESERVED COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ECE WORK PROGRAM ON GENERAL ENERGY ISSUES UNTIL 33RD SESSION, BUT INDICATED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH SCOPE OF COVERAGE. INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS INDICATED SOME ADDITIONAL AREAS OF COVERAGE/EMPHASIS BUT FEW SERIOUS CONCERNS WERE RAISED. IN RESPONSE TO USDEL INITIATIVE, SECRETARIAT AGREED TO DELAY SEVERAL PROPOSED

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SEMINARS TO AVOID CONCENTRATION OF ECE ACTIVITIES IN WINTER 1978-79. USDEL ALSO INDICATED THAT US WOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF SPONSORING MODELING SEMINAR (SEE PARA 3 ABOVE) IN LATE 1979 OR EARLY 1980. SECRETARIAT AGREED TO REVISE PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM TO REFLECT COMMENTS RECEIVED BY MARCH 20.

8. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION SECRETARIAT BRIEFED US ON PROPOSAL POLAND MADE AT AD HOC MEETING ON COAL GASIFICATION, LIQUEFACTION/TREATMENT, JANUARY 16-18, TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING CENTER ON COAL GASIFICATION AND LIQUEFACTION. IN ITS INITIAL STAGE POLES SEE CENTER AS A TYPE OF DOCUMENTATION CENTER (I.E., A FOCAL POINT FOR

DOCUMENTS) AND A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE FIELD COULD MEET. SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE PAPER ON TOPIC FOR PRESENTATION TO COAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN FALL.

9. COMMENT: IN PRIVATE MEETING WITH USDEL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK INDICATED HE WOULD ONLY INTRODUCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSAL FOR PERMANENT ECE SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENERGY IF POLITICAL CLIMATE AT 33RD SESSION OFFERED PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS. HE NOTED OUTCOME OF BELGRADE AND PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS OF SAME WOULD BE CRITICAL FACTORS. STANOVNIK SAID THAT IF CLIMATE IS TENSE, HE WOULD POSTPONE ENERGY INITIATIVE AND CONCENTRATE ON MAINTAINING MOMENTUM FOR ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE. CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS REVEALED HOPE FOR CREATING BOTH A SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENERGY AND A SUBSIDIARY GROUP OF EXPERTS ON CONSERVATION, BUT WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT GROUP OF EXPERTS AS A FALLBACK IF SENIOR ADVISERS PROPOSAL ENCOUNTERS OPPOSITION. WHILE USDEL SEES VALUE IN THE SENIOR ADVISER CONCEPT, THERE IS NO NEED TO CREATE TWO NEW GROUPS WHEN A SINGLE BODY COULD EASILY SERVE BOTH PURPOSES. END COMMENT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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